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SUBJECT: U.S. REGULATONS ON IMPORTATION OF IVORY PRODUCTS

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1. HONG KONG COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ADVISES THAT IT HAS JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE HERMANN THAT THE US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (FISHING AND WILDLIFE), REQUIRE CERTIFICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRY, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO PRESCRIBED FORM OR PROCEDURE AND THAT AUTHENTICATION BY THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IS NOT NECESSARY.

2. AS A RESULT, D.C.I. PROPOSES TO PUBLISH THE FOLLOWING CIRCULAR: "DRAFT CIRCULAR TO ALL TRADE & INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ALL REGISTERED IVORY MANUFACTURERS
CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN CIRCULAR NO. /76
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR EXPORT OF
IVORY PRODUCTS TO USA

THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL ADMIT SHIPMENTS OF IVORY PRODUCTS MADE FROM AFRICAN ELEPHANTS FOR ENTRY INTO THE US ONLY IF THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN ISSUED BY THIS DEPARTMENT CERTIFYING THAT THE IVORY USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF THE PRODUCTS IN THESE SHIPMENTS IS OF AFRICAN ORIGIN. THE IMPORTATION OF IVORY PRODUCTS MADE FROM ASIAN ELEPHANTS HAS BEEN PROHIBITED SINCE 14 JULY 176.

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2. SHIPPERS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATES

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OF ORIGIN FOR EXPORTS OF IVORY PRODUCTS MADE FROM AFRICAN
ELEPHANTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ENTRY INTO THE US. WITH
IMMEDIATE EFFECT, MANUFACTURERS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE THE
FOLLOWING DECLARATION (PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE BACK PAGE) ON ALL
APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH CERTIFICATES (FORM C&I 185 (REVISED)
AND 185(B) (REVISED)):

'THE IVORY USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF THE
GOODS DESCRIBED ON THIS CERTIFICATE IS
OF AFRICAN ORIGIN.'

A SIMILAR DECLARATION MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM OF THE
'DESCRIPTION OF GOODS' COLUMN ON ALL COPIES OF CERTIFICATES
OF ORGIN AND GENERALISED PREFERENCE CERTIFICATES (FORM A).

3. THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT PHYSICAL AND DOCUMENTARY CHECKS
AT EXPORTERS' AND MANUFACTUERS' PREMISES TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY
OF THE INFORMATION GIVEN ON THE APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES
OF ORIGIN. LEGAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST ANY COMPANY
WHICH KNOWINGLY PROVIDES INCORRECT INFORMATION IN MY
APPLICATION OR DOCUMENT IN SUPPORT THEREOF."

3. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER THE ABOVE IS ACCURATE.
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